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By Mrs. Crackenthorpe, *a Lady that knows every thing.*

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THE Loves of *Montelion* and *Nigrella*, have given ſuch Expectations of a Match to thoſe that are Curious in Matrimonial Concluſions, and that *End* of the *Town* where they both *liv'd*, has been ſo very poſitive to the *Time* when they ſhould be mutually Happy in each others Embraces, that it may not be amiſs to ſurprize thoſe that wiſh'd for ſuch a happy Conjunction, with an Occurrence that has not only defeated their Intentions, but given occaſion to their Friends not to be too haſty in declaring Things finiſh'd and conſummated, before it is out of the Power of Chance to put Obſtacles in their way, and prevent 'em. But as the very purpoſe of my Deſign is to write for the Entertainment of ſuch as are Strangers to their Character, as well as thoſe who have a perfect Knowledge of, and inſight into, their Affairs, ſo I muſt beg leave to entertain my Readers with an imperfect Sketch of their Perſonal Qualifications and Endowments, (eſpecially ſince it may be conducive to the future Behaviour of both Sexes) before I enter into the Recital of a *Rupture*, that was equally *undeſign'd* by the one, as it was *unwiſh'd* for by the other. *Montelion* therefore is to be repreſented as a Gentleman, that is Maſter of every Perfection which is owing to the *Acquiſitions* of *Art*, or the *Bounty* of *Nature*; and *Nigrella* muſt be deſcribed as a Lady that is *Miſtreſs* of all the Advantages that *Humanity* can be poſſeſs'd of. Her Face, her Air, her Shape, her Demeanour, Wit, Goodneſs and Affability, render her as much the *Ornament* of the *Court*, as his Valour, Policy, Generoſity, Truth, Honour, Honeſty and Loyalty, had made him the *Delight* of the *Camp*; and if he is eminently conſpicuous for every thing that is *Praiſe-worthy* in him: She is alſo the brighteſt Object of Deſire and Imitation for all Graces and Virtues that are adorable in her; while the Ladies have ſigh'd with as much Ardency and Affection for the one, as the Gentlemen have been profuſe of their Wiſhes for the Poſſeſſion of the other. When the *Deity* that gives *Feeling* to the moſt *Inſenſible*, and melts the moſt adamantine Conſtitution into a true Knowledge of Compaſſion, thought fit to diſtinguiſh 'em by their Complaiſancy for each other, and empty his Quiver by affixing thoſe Darts in their Breaſts, that left ſuch a Reciprocal Impreſſion of their *Images* behind them, as no other Idea could efface or obliterate. The Soldier for his Part laid Siege to his Miſtreſs's Affections with that Aſſiduity and Vigour, that ſhe muſt have been impregnable, and ſhewn more Strength than Womankind is capable of, to have held out againſt the Force of a Paſſion, that was prevalent enough to have made a Conqueſt of a Heart much more obdurate than Hers; and the Lady on her ſide made all the Defence that was neceſſary on ſuch Occaſions. The *Modeſty* of her Sex very often repuls'd the *Reſolution* of his, and ſhe made appear ſhe was poſſeſs'd of as much Greatneſs of Soul by her *Reſiſtance*, as he did by the Inceſſancy of his *Attacks*. Till *Time*, that ſubdues all Things, and brings what is thought Impregnable to a final Complyance, ſo work'd her into a good Opinion of her Generous Aſſailant, that having conquer'd all the little Formalities the Ladies muſt go through upon ſuch Occaſions, and agreed upon Terms for an Honourable Capitulation, ſhe found her ſelf oblig'd to enter into Articles, and own that with her *Tongue*, which ſhe had ſo often confeſs'd with her *Eyes*, by a Declaration that ſhe wou'd deliver up *Her* Perſon to *Montelion*'s Diſpoſal by ſuch a Time, and would hold her ſelf contented with *His* in exchange for it. The News of this Treaty was as acceptable to thoſe that were Well-wiſhers to 'em, (which were all that had any Knowledge of 'em) as the Agreement it ſelf was ſatisfactory to thoſe that made it, and they had nothing to retard their future Happineſs, but ſome Niceties which are always to be obſerv'd among Perſons of their Eminence and Rank. When the Service of his Queen and Country call'd the Warrior forth upon other Attacks than he had been then making, and his Honour oblig'd him to give ſome Intermiſſion to the Careſſes and Endearments of a Paſſion, which at the ſame time was too violent not to accompany him into the *Field*; Where he manag'd himſelf with the ſame ſucceſsful Addreſs as he had been deſervedly received for in the *Court*, and was as much diſtinguiſh'd by the Applauſes of the Men there, as he had here been follow'd by the Approbation of the Women. To enter into the Rehearſal of his Atchievements, wou'd be to do violence to his Temper, let it therefore ſuffice, that he continu'd in the good Graces of his Generals during the whole Campaign, and was as Obſervant of his Duty, and as Intrepid in *this*, as he had been in many *others* which he had gone through with uncommon Perſeverance and Honour. While the Object of his Wiſhes paid her Reſpects to *Her Miſtreſs*, by an Inviolable Affection for Her *Service* and *Perſon*, he was unwearied in his Vows of Sincerity to *his*, and not a Mail or Expreſs came from the Army which he ſerved in, but brought her freſh Inſtances of the Increaſe of a Deſire that had taken ſo deep a Root in his Breaſt, that nothing could eradicate but Death, or the want of an equal Affection in her. Mutual Promiſes and Correſpondences paſs'd between the two Lovers, till after a Siege that had coſt much Effuſion of Blood on both ſides, the Two Armies which were to decide the Fate of *Europe*, came in ſight of each other, and engag'd in a Battel that will be as Memorable for its Conſequence, as it has been for its Duration and Fierceneſs. The Slaughter was Incredible, and Thouſands lay biting the Ground on the *Confederate's* as well as *French* ſide, that were deſerving of a longer Continuance in this Life, for

for Examples to thoſe that ſurviv'd. Amongſt other Officers that were ſaid to have loſt their Lives in the Bed of Honour, an imperfect Liſt brought over the Name of this our *Nigrella*'s Adorer, and it was nois'd about for certainty, to the great Regret of all that knew him, that he receiv'd his Death's Wound after he had glorioufly forc'd his way through the Enemies *Third* Intrenchment. 'Twas expected aMisfortune ſo poignant and afflicting as this was, would have touch'd her in Particular, and affected her with a Deſpondency and Grief that was Inconſolable; but whether ſhe had taken Reſolutions to give Proofs of her Phyloſophy by a perfect Reſignation to the Diſpoſer of all Events, or Tokens of her Value and Concern for the Publick Intereſt before her own in her *Joy* for the Defeat of the Common Enemy, remains yet amongſt the number of Uncertainties; and ſhe was ſeen in Company the next Day after this Melancholy Account had reach'd her, with as much Serenity and Gayneſs, as great a Vivacity of Looks and Behaviour, and ſet off to an Advantage with as *Rich Attire* as if it had rather been Her *Miſtreſs's* Birth Day, than that which ſhe was to have lamented the *Death* of an *Unfortunate* and *Faithful Lover* in. Thoſe that were Hers and His Acquaintance, paſs'd their Judgment upon, and cenſur'd her Conduct, juſt as their Partiality led 'em to juſtify or explode it, and there were not wanting ſuch as ſtood up in her Vindication, and aſſerted, That ſhe had ſet a Copy for all young Ladies of her Beauty and Circumſtances, to take after her, ſince *Pride* and *Affectation* are the chief Ornaments of the Sex ſhe belong'd to, and to ſhew a Concern for the *Death* of one *Humble Servant*, was a great ſign of Diffidence, and all very near a certain Indication of one's deſpairing of attaining another, tho the majority were of another Opinion, and blam'd her as guilty of the higheſt Indiſcretion: But as Beauty cannot go without Advocates, thoſe that cenſur'd her moſt, allow'd, It was pity that a young Lady that was Miſtreſs of ſo *many* Excellencies, ſhould be made a Town-Talk of for *one* Miſcarriage. To come to a Period, after all the *Pro's* and *Cons* in favour of her Procedure, and againſt it, the News of his Death was contradicted in a Day or two after, and the Gallant *Montelion* arriv'd at Court in Perſon, to let the charming *Nigrella* know that he was actually alive, and had good warm ſound *Fleſh* and *Blood* at her Service, as ſoon as the Holy Man had perform'd his Office, and Authoriz'd her to make Conjugal Enquiries. He had no ſooner ſet Foot in his Appartment, but Fame that is always officious to do Ill Turns, and improves whatever is told her to the beſt advantage, made a report of what had occurr'd, and inſinuated to him the little Concern his Miſtreſs had ſhewn for his ſuppos'd Deceaſe; and as Teſtimonies are not wanting on ſuch Occaſions, and Lovers are too Credulous not to believe 'em, *Montelion* ſwallow'd the Poiſon that was infus'd into him, and is reported to have taken ſuch a Diſguſt at the Relation, that inſtead of paying his Compliments to her, and receiving her Congratulations in exchange for 'em, he refrained Viſiting her, and unleſs the Interpoſition of Friends make up the Breach, 'tis very likely that all hopes of Accommodation will ſoon be at an end, while this Excellent Couple that ſeem'd made for one anothers Enjoyment, ſhall go without the Fruits of it, and ſhall really mourn, as ſhe does already, for the Loſs of her *Living* Lover, who gave her ſelf ſuch unjuſtificable Airs at the fictitious Deceaſe of a *Dead* one, which occaſion'd the following Stanza's to be drop'd where the young Ladies of her Rank and Employments divert themſelves.

Had but the Fair Nigrella *Wept*
As all the Fair *can do,*
And ſomething of Decorum *kept,*
Or Mourn'd *though but in* Shew.
She of Montelion's *Charms poſſeſs'd,*
Her Charms might now employ,
In heaving of a Peaceful Breaſt,
To ſhew her real *Joy.*

But ſhe that has no Sorrow ſhewn,
For ſo much Virtue Slain,
'Stead of his Loſs now mourns her own,
With Tears *no Nymph can Feign.*
Ah! Faireſt, had thoſe Tears been ſhed,
That you could him Survive,
That Heart of yours had never bled,
Or Wept for him alive.

*** O Yes, O yes, O yes! *If any Man or Woman, in Town, City or Country, can bring any Tale or Tidings of a* Milch Aſs *lately belonging to the* Britiſh Apollo, *but ſince abſconded on account of her being diſſatisfy'd at her having nothing by way of Return, for the Milk ſhe gave that worthy Society, ſo that ſhe be recover'd to contribute towards their Suppport again, ſhall not only have a Ticket for the their next Conſort of Muſick, but the laſt Quarterly Book, which lies upon their Hands for want of Cuſtomers, deliver'd to 'em by the Beadle of St* Martin's; *or if ſhe'll return to her Implicit Belief again, and give 'em Credit by way of Subſcription, their Secretary ſhall have it in Command, to write an* Acroſtick *to her* Laud *and Praiſe, which there ſhall be a Tune to in their next* Apollo.

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